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HARD BARGAIN

This Federal house, similar to other Harris associated homes in the area, (notably Waverley and Mt. Republic(an), the latter not built by a Harris but bearing a striking similarity to Waverley and possibly built by the same builder and/or architect), but not nearly as sophisticated on either the interior or exterior.

The building is constructed in three parts, having a stepped (or, telescopic, which is, generally speaking, a misuse of the term when describing this house. Forman and others do refer to it as being telescopic) roofline. The south end, main block, is three bays in length with the main entrance doors toward the south end of the front (east) and rear (west) facades. Both these doors apparently had had large, multi-paned overlights which have been covered by solid panel board. The architrave of both doors extends up and around this overdoor panel. At the north end are two bridged chimneys. A modern furnace flue has been built along the back wall of the north-west chimney. The eave cornice is decorated with brick modillion blocks, widely spaced. The interior of this section, as in all others, is extremely simple with the only embellishment being an applied rope molding around the windows and doorways which, in its execution, is a rather naive approach and isn't terribly effective. The only other decorative motif is the "S" scrolled step ends of the main staircase. Both this stair and the mantles of this section of the house appear to be of a ca. 1870 date while the general lappearance, plan, and histomy of the house indicate a construction date of circa 1825-35, or earlier.

It was difficult to ascertain whether or not the four bay, two story, brick north wing containing, on the ground floor, a kitchen with large fireplace and service/pantry room is original to the main block or not. It is probable that it is but if not then it was erected only a short time after the main block. To the north end of this wing is a one room, one story, addition which may had served as a later kitchen and/or servants quarter.

On the whole the house and grounds are generally run down and present a very bleak and desolate picture. There is a large, square, box garden off from the south@east corner of the main block that is probably early nineteenth century in date.

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

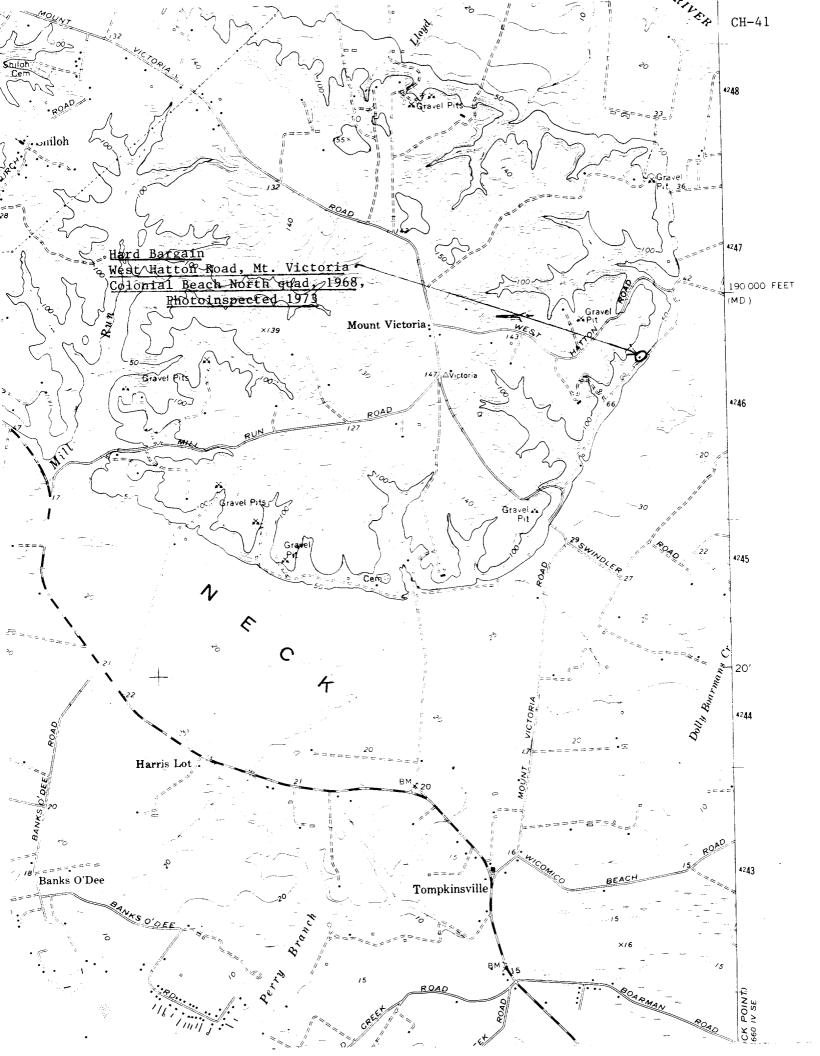
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